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Dear Brandon Parva, Coston, Runhall and Welborne Parish Council

I have pleasure in writing to you to update you on what the school has been doing over the past year.

The children have been working extremely hard over the past year. We were very proud of the year six that left at the end of last academic year and all that they achieved during their time at Barnham Broom C of E VA Primary School.

We have been actively involved with the project to restore the Church Bells in the Church of St Peter and St Paul in Barnham Broom. The older children had the fantastic opportunity to climb the bell tower and see the bells in situ prior to their removal for restoration. As part of the project we had a visit from the bell ringers from St Peter Mancroft who brought along a Campanile (a mechanically accurate mini ring of 6 bells for people to be able to try their hand at campanology). It was a fantastic experience for the children who were able to learn about various aspects of bell ringing. Some of our children have gone on to learn how to ring hand chimes with two local bell ringers. We are greatly looking forward to the rededication of the Barnham Broom Church bells and to hear their special peel.

Continuing the musical theme, two of our Junior classes will be joining many other children from Norfolk to take part in the Big Sing event at the start of May.

Our Parent Body – FOBBS have worked tirelessly to support the school through organising events and activities for the children and to raise money for the school. Their efforts have resulted in the building of a superb external classroom which the children can use even if the weather is inclement.

The younger children in the school have benefitted from a weekly Forest School session in which they have taken their learning outside to fully benefit from and appreciate the natural world around them and develop many aspects of learning that are inaccessible in a classroom environment.

We have had several staff changes over the past year including a new School Business Manager and two new teachers joining the school.

The long awaited refurbishment of the children's toilets was welcomed by all and was undertaken over the last summer holiday. Through the school council, the children decided on the colour scheme and design of the new toilets. We have also had an new disabled accessible toilet fitted to enhance our facilities. We are now looking for opportunities to further enhance our outside areas.

We are blessed to have such a devoted community of children, staff, parents and Governors who all strive to provide the very best for the children and families we serve.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Heather Benson
Headteacher

Chair of Governors: Mrs Penny Folkard

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